

B5 (Official Form 5) (12/07)

United States Bankruptcy Court Northern District of Illinois		INVOLUNTARY PETITION				
IN RE (Name of Debtor – If Individual: Last, First, Middle) Arena Football League, LLC		ALL OTHER NAMES used by debtor in the last 8 years (Include married, maiden, and trade names.) AFL, LLC Arena Football League, Inc.				
Last four digits of Social-Security or other Individual's Tax-I.D. No./Complete EIN (If more than one, state all.): 36-4270778						
STREET ADDRESS OF DEBTOR (No. and street, city, state, and zip code) 8700 W. Bryn Mawr, Ste. 120S Chicago, Illinois 60631 COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OR PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS Cook County, Illinois		MAILING ADDRESS OF DEBTOR (If different from street address) <div style="text-align: right;">ZIP CODE</div>				
LOCATION OF PRINCIPAL ASSETS OF BUSINESS DEBTOR (If different from previously listed addresses)						
CHAPTER OF BANKRUPTCY CODE UNDER WHICH PETITION IS FILED <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chapter 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 11 </div>						
INFORMATION REGARDING DEBTOR (Check applicable boxes)						
Nature of Debts (Check one box.) Petitioners believe: <input type="checkbox"/> Debts are primarily consumer debts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debts are primarily business debts	<table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">Type of Debtor (Form of Organization)</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Nature of Business (Check one box.)</th> </tr> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Individual (Includes Joint Debtor) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation (Includes LLC and LLP) <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Other (If debtor is not one of the above entities, check this box and state type of entity below.) </td> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care Business <input type="checkbox"/> Single Asset Real Estate as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51)(B) <input type="checkbox"/> Railroad <input type="checkbox"/> Stockbroker <input type="checkbox"/> Commodity Broker <input type="checkbox"/> Clearing Bank <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other </td> </tr> </table>		Type of Debtor (Form of Organization)	Nature of Business (Check one box.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual (Includes Joint Debtor) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation (Includes LLC and LLP) <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Other (If debtor is not one of the above entities, check this box and state type of entity below.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Health Care Business <input type="checkbox"/> Single Asset Real Estate as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51)(B) <input type="checkbox"/> Railroad <input type="checkbox"/> Stockbroker <input type="checkbox"/> Commodity Broker <input type="checkbox"/> Clearing Bank <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other
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VENUE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debtor has been domiciled or has had a residence, principal place of business, or principal assets in the District for 180 days immediately preceding the date of this petition or for a longer part of such 180 days than in any other District. <input type="checkbox"/> A bankruptcy case concerning debtor's affiliate, general partner or partnership is pending in this District.	FILING FEE (Check one box) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full Filing Fee attached <input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner is a child support creditor or its representative, and the form specified in § 304(g) of the Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1994 is attached. <i>[If a child support creditor or its representative is a petitioner, and if the petitioner files the form specified in § 304(g) of the Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1994, no fee is required.]</i>					
PENDING BANKRUPTCY CASE FILED BY OR AGAINST ANY PARTNER OR AFFILIATE OF THIS DEBTOR (Report information for any additional cases on attached sheets.)						
Name of Debtor	Case Number	Date				
Relationship	District	Judge				
ALLEGATIONS (Check applicable boxes) 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Petitioner (s) are eligible to file this petition pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 303 (b). 2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The debtor is a person against whom an order for relief may be entered under title 11 of the United States Code. 3.a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The debtor is generally not paying such debtor's debts as they become due, unless such debts are the subject of a bona fide dispute as to liability or amount; <div style="text-align: center;">or</div> b. <input type="checkbox"/> Within 120 days preceding the filing of this petition, a custodian, other than a trustee receiver, or agent appointed or authorized to take charge of less than substantially all of the property of the debtor for the purpose of enforcing a lien against such property, was appointed or took possession.		COURT USE ONLY				

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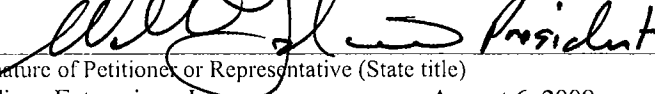
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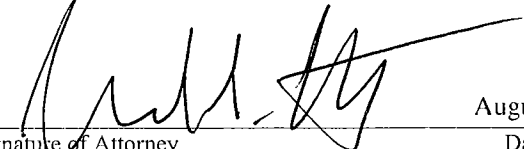
REQUEST FOR RELIEF

Petitioner(s) request that an order for relief be entered against the debtor under the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition. If any petitioner is a foreign representative appointed in a foreign proceeding, a certified copy of the order of the court granting recognition is attached.

Petitioner(s) declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct according to the best of their knowledge, information, and belief.

x  President
 Signature of Petitioner or Representative (State title)
 Gridiron Enterprises, Inc. August 6, 2009
 Name of Petitioner Date Signed

Name & Mailing William L. Niro
 Address of Individual Gridiron Enterprises, Inc.
 Signing in Representative 181 W. Madison St., Ste. 4600
 Capacity Chicago, Illinois 60602

x  August 6, 2009
 Signature of Attorney Date

Richard S. Lauter
 Name of Attorney Firm (If any)
 Address
 Freeborn & Peters LLP
 311 S. Wacker Dr., Ste. 3000
 Chicago, Illinois 60606
 Telephone No. (312) 360-6000

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 Signature of Petitioner or Representative (State title)
 Sheraton New Orleans Hotel August 6, 2009
 Name of Petitioner Date Signed

Name & Mailing Steve Rankin
 Address of Individual Sheraton New Orleans Hotel
 Signing in Representative 500 Canal Street
 Capacity New Orleans, Louisiana 70130

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 Signature of Petitioner or Representative (State title)
 Johnson & Bell, Ltd. August 6, 2009
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Name & Mailing Joe Marconi
 Address of Individual Johnson & Bell, Ltd.
 Signing in Representative 33 W. Monroe St., Ste. 2700
 Capacity Chicago, Illinois 60603

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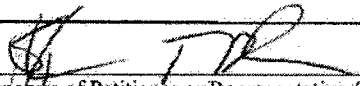
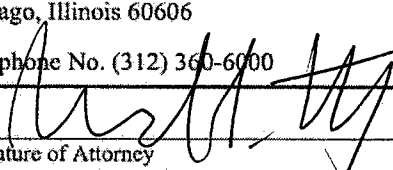
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